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LIBONIA, FRANK. CO., PA., SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Plant These Bulbs Now.

A Windowful of Beauty in Winter and a Roomful of Fragrance.



HAVE you ever seen a fine plant of the Bermuda Easter Lily and a potful of Giant Freesias in bloom? If so you can readily imagine the grandeur of a whole windowful of these exquisite flowers, the Lilies standing erect and weighted with drooping, snowy trumpets above the pillars of rich foliage, while the dozens of Freesias clustering beneath modestly bend their fairy stems as if to hide among their grass-like foliage. And, oh, the fragrance, the delicious fragrance freighting the surrounding air—outrivalling the sweetness and richness of the choicest oriental perfumes. Such a windowful of beauty you can have if you get true and reliable bulbs and pot them this month. Do you say you have not heretofore succeeded with these bulbs? It is just because you did not start right. Good bulbs potted this month and given the attention you give your Geraniums will result in a fine display of these flowers. I recommend these bulbs not simply to sell them to patrons, but because I feel assured they can be depended upon for winter-flowers, and because when the flowers do appear they will afford great satisfaction and pleasure. Only Lily bulbs of large size should be potted, and each should be placed in the center of a six or eight-inch pot. Use a layer of half an inch of charcoal for drainage, then place a thin layer of sphagnum or other moss, and fill the pot up with a compost of rich, fibrous loam, sand and thoroughly pulverized manure well mixed. Cover the bulb at least an inch deep, for the most effective roots are those which issue from the stem above the bulb. Press the soil firmly, set in a dark closet three or four weeks, watering thoroughly the first time; after that keep the soil moist, but not too damp, until the roots are formed, and the plants begin to grow, when water may be applied more freely. A window not too near the stove or register suits the Lily, as it does not like too much artificial heat. Keep an open pan of water upon the stove or register to supply moisture to the air. With this simple treatment you cannot fail to succeed with the Bermuda Easter Lily. Of the Freesias plant five in a five-inch pot, covering an inch deep, and in other respects giving the same treatment as the Lilies. Potted in September the bulbs will bloom in January. Potted in October they will bloom at Easter.

Six large Bermuda Easter Lily bulbs, together with five of the Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis and twenty-five Giant Freesias will make a windowful, and I will supply all by mail for \$1.00. If you do not wish all for yourself, get a neighbor to club with you and divide the bulbs. If you only want enough for a pot of Lilies, one of Freesias and one of Oxalis I will mail the bulbs—one Lily, five Freesias and one Oxalis, for 25 cents. Send for these bulbs and pot them at once if you wish to have them in bloom early. Remit by Money Order or Register at my risk. Address, **GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.**

INV. '60

P. S.—These splendid Bermuda Lilies, all large and free from disease, 15 cents each, \$1.20 per dozen. Giant Bermuda Freesias, 3 cents each, 25 cents per dozen. Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis, 8 cents each, 75 cents per dozen. By mail, postpaid, safe arrival guaranteed.

See advertisement on next page, headed "Grand Bulb Premium."

GRAND BULB PREMIUM.

35 Splendid Hardy Bulbs—Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocuses, etc., with
PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE one year, all for 50 Cents.
An Unprecedented Offer.

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE, the pioneer and favorite of the floral monthlies, will be mailed one year, together with the following superb collection of choice hardy bulbs—all for 50 cents:

Dutch Pompon Hyacinth, lovely pink.

Dutch Pompon Hyacinth, superb dark red.

Dutch Pompon Hyacinth, fine deep blue.

Dutch Pompon Hyacinth, exquisite pure white.

NOTE.—These are all charming, very early, single-flowered Hyacinths. The bells are graceful, rich-colored, deliciously fragrant, produced in fine spikes. Fine for beds or pots. Always reliable.

Tulip, Single Early, Crimson King, fine, large flowers, showy.

Tulip, Single Early, La Reine, white, sometimes shaded pink.

Tulip, Single Early, Duchess de Parma, crimson, yellow edged.

Tulip, Single Early, Rose Tendre, fine rose, handsome.

NOTE.—Single Early Tulips bloom almost with the Hyacinths, and are among the earliest of showy spring flowers. Useful also for window culture.

Tulip, Double Early, Duke of York, finest red, white margin.

Tulip, Double Early, La Candeur, pure white, best of its class.

Tulip, Double Early, Yellow Rose, splendid golden yellow, large.

NOTE.—Double Early Tulips bloom almost as early as the single, bearing gorgeous large flowers.

Tulip, Single Late, Golden Crown, yellow edged red, splendid.

Tulip, Single Late, Macropella, carmine red, fragrant, very fine.

Tulip, Single Late, Bizard, superbly variegated.

NOTE.—These grand late Tulips are rare, but exceedingly beautiful in the garden.

Narcissus, Double, Incomparable, early, golden yellow, fine.

Narcissus, Poeticus, pure white with orange center, fragrant.

Jonquil, Campenelle major, the new, large sort, fragrant.

Crocus, Dandy, purple bordered white, very fine.

Crocus, purpurea grandiflora, large, dark blue, fragrant.

Crocus, Lord Fielding, striped, large and fine.

Crocus, Queen Victoria, charming white, very handsome.

Crocus, Cloth of Gold, rich golden yellow, beautiful.

Crocus, Large Yellow, blooms in fine clusters, golden yellow; one of the finest Crocuses in cultivation.

Ranunculus, French, superb large double flowers of various colors.

Ranunculus, Persian, very fine, showy, richly-colored double flowers.

Ranunculus, Turkish or Turban, lovely double flowers of the finest colors.

Iris Hispanica, Antonio Johanna, yellow with light porcelain blue centre. A charming flower.

Iris Hispanica, Le Prophete, elegant bronze-yellow; an attractive and beautiful sort.

Iris Hispanica, Liliaceus, fine lilac-blue; one of the most showy and handsome of this group.

Iris Hispanica, Stellata, dark blue, an exceedingly rich and attractive Spanish Iris. One of the best.

NOTE.—These all have exquisite, Orchid-like, rich-colored bloom, and are magnificent.

Gladiolus nanus, a rare dwarf, hardy Gladiolus; elegant spikes of flowers. Charming pot plants.

Eranthis hyemalis, Winter Aconite, bright yellow, very early.

Ornithogalum umbellatum, fine white umbels of bloom in early spring.

Fritillaria Meleagris, "Peewee Eggs," marbled bloom, fine for pots or edgings.

Saxifraga granulata fl. pl., elegant, hardy, double white blooms; bulbs small.

35 choice bulbs and MAGAZINE one year all for 50 cents. Can you afford to let this offer pass? Now is the time to subscribe, and now is the time to plant these bulbs. They are all hardy, and suitable for either garden beds or window pots. Cultural directions with every package.

STILL MORE.—Get your neighbor to send with you, remitting

\$1.00 for two copies of the **MAGAZINE**, and two of the above collections, and I will add to your order:

Tulip, Double Titan, crimson edged gold, the largest and showiest of all Tulips.

Tulip, Single Duc Van Thol, gold striped, red and gold, very showy.

Tulip, Single Duc Van Thol, brilliant scarlet, the brightest colored of Tulips.

Tulip, Single Duc Van Thol, violet and white, a magnificent sort.

Tulip, Single Parrot, splendid variety, feathered petals; curious and beautiful.

Narcissus albo plena odorata, double, white, deliciously-scented flowers.

Narcissus, Single Incomparable, very early, large, golden trumpet.

Galanthus Elwesii, the giant-flowered Snowdrop, large, pure white bells.

Sparaxis, Giant, mixed, elegant, showy, rich-colored flowers in large clusters.

Triteleia uniflora, attractive white flowers; blooms with the Crocus and Scilla.

Lilia, large-flowered, fine, richly-colored and variegated flowers in spikes.

All the bulbs of the above collections are hardy, and fine for garden beds, while they are also suitable for growing in pots for window decoration. A similar though smaller and less valuable premium collection was offered last season, which gave great satisfaction, and this year's premium cannot fail to delight everyone who receives it. The bulbs are all first-class, selected for us in Holland, and all will bloom. They are not auction bulbs, such as many dealers offer, but every bulb will produce the finest bloom of its kind. Ask your friends to order with you.

See What I Offer For Club of Five.

For a club of five names at 50 cents each (\$2.50) I will add:

The eleven choice bulbs, Tulips, Narcissus, etc., offered for club of two.

The fine collection of winter-bloomers offered on another page, consisting of one splendid Bermuda Easter Lily, one Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis, and five Giant Freesias. To these I will also add two fine winter-blooming bulbs, my selection, making in all 20 bulbs all for a club of five subscribers. This is certainly a

liberal offer, and I trust my friends will all make an effort to favor me with the names and secure this premium. Please note that every member of your club paying 50 cents will get the Grand Premium of 35 Hardy Bulbs above offered. Now is the time to get and plant these bulbs. Go to work at once. Don't wait until the season is past. Remit by Money order or Registered Letter at my risk. Address,

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CORRESPONDENCE.

In Nebraska.—Mr. Park: In spite of drouth and hot winds I have some pretty flower beds for Nebraska. My bed of Phlox is my pride now. I have nearly all the shades from a package of seed I received from you, and three plants of the first Star Phlox I ever saw are in bloom. There are still other plants to bloom, and I am anxious to know what will come from that packet of seed. I had many plants from the mixed package, but in transplanting to the garden the wind killed a good many. My Indian Pinks are in bud, and I am so anxious to see them out. This is our third year of drouth here, and I am so hungry for the sight of flowers and garden. We are having a couple days of drizzling rain, but as yet there has not rain enough fallen to benefit much.

Mrs. E. F. Simpson.

Webster Co., Neb., June 27, 1895.

Mr. Park:—The Tuberous Begonias I got of you in May have come on splendidly. I did not lose one. They are about six inches high now. One, a pink, is just ready to bloom. I have the loveliest Pansies in bloom from seeds I got of you. Every marking I have ever seen in Pansies is represented. We have a great deal to contend with here in Nebraska—it is so cold in the spring, and the frosts continue so late that I sometimes feel almost discouraged, but my love for flowers prompts me to renew my efforts.

M. E. Hickman.

Howe, Neb., July 15, 1895.

Mr. Park:—I write to thank you for your generous bulb premium offered in last September. I sent you a club of six names and received a large collection good, thrifty, hardy bulbs. My club were all much pleased with the flowers this spring. Some of the ladies solicited last fall tell me they are sorry now they did not join my club. They will be ready this fall for your grand bulb premium, as I suppose you will offer one.

Miss Lizzie Parker.

Lewisville, Ind., June 19, 1895.

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Park's Bulb List.

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Everyone Interested in bulbous flowers will find this work invaluable. It describes and illustrates Bulbs that should be bought in autumn, and the prices quoted are such that you will save money by sending for it before you purchase your bulb supply. Mailed free to all who apply. If you want one send for it. Address

GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Pa.

Just \$1.00 for six large Bermuda Easter Lilies, twenty-five Giant Freesias, and five Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis, all by mail, postpaid, Bulb List included. Order and pot them at once. They'll make you a whole windowful of fragrant bloom during winter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. Park:—Kindly give the correct pronunciation of Anemone. There seems to be a difference of opinion concerning it.—S. P., N. Y.

Ans.—The word Anemone is of classical origin, and by the ancients was pronounced An-em-o'-ne. It has, however, passed into English language, and its pronunciation changed to Anem'-one or Anem'-ony. The word may therefore be properly pronounced either way.

It is Impatiens Sultana.—Mr. Park: I enclose flower and leaf of a plant I have. Please name it. It grows from cuttings, grows vigorously, and blooms constantly.—Mrs. D., Iowa.

Plant Named.—Mr. Park: Enclosed you will find a flower which was raised from your mixed seeds. Please name it. It is a curiosity to all here.—Mrs. C. B. M., Perkins, Cal.

Ans.—The flowers enclosed were of *Ammobium alatum*, herewith illustrated. It is a handsome everlasting, blooming the first season if sown early, but will often endure the winters of our northern States and bloom well from year to year. In California it will mostly be found hardy. For drying the flowers should be cut before they open.



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To introduce our Perfume, we will send a case postpaid for 12 cents. We will mail with it, absolutely free, a beautiful gold plated Garnet and Opal Ring. Send 12 cents in stamps; we will delight you. W. S. Everett & Co., Lynn, Mass.

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The August MAGAZINE contained an illustrated descriptive list of choice winter-blooming plants offered—12 for 50 cents, or 25 for \$1., by mail, guaranteed to reach you safely. If you have not selected your winter-blooming plants make out your list and order before cold weather comes. The plants offered will certainly please you, as they are well grown and of sure winter-blooming sorts, all specially grown for the winter window garden.

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16 Splendid Plants, Specially Grown for Winter-Blooming. Sure to Bloom.



Chinese Primrose, red, large, fringed flowers in fine clusters.
Chinese Primrose, white, similar to the red, but white in color.
Chinese Primrose, variegated, superbly striped and mottled.
Abutilon Souv. de Bonn, elegant white-edged foliage; red bells.
Abutilon, Mesopotamicum, twining, flowers finely variegated.
Begonia Carrieri, large clusters of white flowers; everblooming.
Begonia Queen of Bedders, everblooming; waxy pink clusters.
Begonia Weltoniensis rosea, satiny foliage, rich pink blooms.
Peristrophe variegata, foliage variegated, flowers carmine.
Strobilanthes anisophyllus, graceful foliage; flowers lavender.
Rosea tricolor, rich scarlet, dark markings; always in bloom.
Plumbago coccinea, elegant carmine flowers throughout winter.
Rose, red, pink or cream; not subject to mildew; name color.
Geranium, Mrs. Hill, immense salmon trusses in winter.
Boston Smilax, an elegant trellis plant, fragrant bloom.
Lycopodium plumosum, moss-like foliage; likes shady place.

SUBSTITUTES.—If you have any of the above, and prefer substitutes select from the following: Double Alyssum, Chrysanthemum, Hardy Purple Verbena, Abutilon Eclipse, Begonia de Lesseps, Cissus discolor, Lantana, Don Calmet, Fuchsia, procumbens, English and Parlor Ivy, Cuphea platycentra, Ruellia formosa and Libonia penrhosiensis, all of which are desirable plants for the window in winter.

SPECIAL.—Order two collections and I will add a fine plant of the celebrated Cape Jasmine, the sweetest of evergreen shrubs, hardy in the South, superb pot plant at the North. Order now, before cold weather comes—the earlier the better. Address,

GEO. W. PARK, LIBONIA, FRANKLIN Co., PA.

GOSSIP.

Dear Mr. Park:—The most welcome visitor in our prairie home is your Floral Magazine. The flora and fauna of our county is beautiful and varied. I will prepare some of the prettiest and send you. The letter in your April number from Mrs. Fleming is a sad one, and we of this land of plenty can scarcely realize what famine means. If you can interest any one to provide means of transportation I will give to the first 8 families from Boyd county 40 acres each, absolutely free of charge, and perhaps I can induce some of my neighbors to do likewise. Land is held here in very large tracts, and what we want is more people. I am a native of New York, and came here from California four years ago.

E. W. King.

Goldenrod, Wharton Co., Tex., June 18, 1895.

EXCHANGES.—Only three lines once in twelve months are allowed in the exchange column free to any subscriber. Exchanges which are not at least partly floral will be rejected. Insertion cannot be guaranteed in any certain month. If you wish more than three lines the extra lines will be charged at the regular advertising rate, 75 cents per line.

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Marriage Guide All who are married or expect to be should have Dr. Parker's New Marriage Guide (Ill.). Sent to any address, securely sealed, for \$1.00. Address, J. S. Ogilvie Pub. Co., 591 Rose St., N. Y. Mention Park's Magazine.

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| " C-5 Single and 5 Double Hyacinths, 10 kinds, 50cts | " L-10 Choice Winter Blooming Roses, - 50cts |
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HYACINTHS.

BY GENIE L. AND FLORENCE JOSEPHINE
BOYCE.

Hyacinth bloom, purple and white,
Filling the air with sweetness,
Soft as the breath of a midsummer night,
Fair as a dream in completeness.

Cold northern winds sifting the snow,
Bold in their purpose and fearless;
Rivers that under their ice-covers flow,
Skies that are gray and cheerless.

Fair is the flower and sweet the song
Summer and sunshine bringeth,
But fairer still is the Hyacinth bloom
When frost to the window clingeth.

THE TULIP POPPY.

WE all know how showy is a bed of the rich-colored Duc Van Thol Tulips in early spring. But when the Tulips have bloomed the bed soon appears faded and neglected unless the Tulips are succeeded by some flowers that come on and bloom later in the season, and the question arises "What shall I plant to succeed the Tulips?" This question is answered in the New Tulip Poppy, an engraving of which is given on this page. The young plants of this Poppy are perfectly hardy, and if the seeds are sown in September or October, so that the plants may make some growth before cold weather, they can be depended upon for a fine display of flowers after the Tulips fade. Sow the seeds over the bed, not too thickly, and in the spring thin the plants out if they begin to crowd each other. They will not so occupy the bed as to injure the

growth and bloom of the Tulips, and the vivid scarlet flowers produced later will extend the attractive display of the bed for many weeks during the early summer months.

THAT "LITTLE GEM" CALLA.

IT came in excellent condition, and I was put into a small pot. I tried to take the best possible care of it, but as I did not know the method of culture was somewhat at a loss. I was careful to water it day by day, yet it showed no sign of appreciation of my care. As soon as the third leaf put forth the first would fade and die. Almost in despair I concluded a few weeks since to cast it aside. I had had it four months. So I put it into a barrel that I had used for the preparation of manure tea. This barrel was filled nearly full of earth, stable and cow-pen manure, and the whole was filled or saturated constantly with water. The water came nearly to the top of the crock the Little Gem was in. In a few days, to my surprise and pleasure, it began to put forth new leaves rapidly, without dropping the old ones. I have taken the crock out of the barrel and have put it into a saucer that is kept filled with water.

I now hope soon to see it full of blooms.
Mrs. W. W. Royall.

Princess Anne Co., Va., July 25, 1895.

[NOTE.—It is said that the Little Gem Calla blooms freely when the plants are several years old, and that the complaint of non-blooming which is so common is due to the impatience of the cultivator.—ED.]



THE NEW TULIP POPPY.

TREATMENT OF CACTUSES.

FOR soil for Cactuses I use the richest loam obtainable, making it light and porous with clear sand. About one part sand to two of loam is a good proportion. For the *Cereus* and *Opuntia* types a very little lime may be used. Care is needed here, as too much is worse than none. Most soils contain a sufficient quantity without any addition. Use small pots. Cactuses require but little soil. Thorough drainage is very important. Potsherds, broken brick and crushed charcoal are all excellent for this purpose, and the pots should be filled from one-fourth to one-half their depth according to size and condition of plants, etc. A little finely pulverized charcoal may be advantageously mixed with the soil. It helps to keep the soil sweet and wholesome, and adds depth of color to the flowers and spines. When making growth Cactuses require a high temperature and will bear considerable water. When dormant they should be kept quite dry. They may be wintered in any frost-proof room, but must have light, and the more sun they have the better they will thrive. So long as the plants look plump and fresh in appearance water need not be given; but if the plants begin to shrivel or look dull in color then water. The *Phyllocactuses* and most of the slender growing varieties require slight waterings at times through the winter season. Repotting is best done just before starting plants into growth. Most of the old soil may be shaken from the roots, and all dry, dead roots must be removed. Large plants seldom need repotting, but the top-soil may be removed and replaced by fresh. In case plants should become diseased, cut away all affected portions, and rub the cut parts with finely pulverized charcoal or slaked lime, after which keep rather dry for a time and they will usually recover. These few hints carefully followed contain all the necessary requirements for success in the culture of Cactuses.

L. M. Freeman.

Woodbury Co., Iowa.

CACTUS EMORY.—I have some fine large specimen plants of this Cactus, and bedded them out last summer. They grew very straight, and numerous "babies" sprang from the roots—downy little ones, so soft to the touch and pleasing to the eye. The large ones are about four feet high.

Pleasanton, Cal.

C. M. Lucas.

SWEET VIOLETS.

THERE is not a garden complete without these dainty darlings in some shady spot. They are so little trouble I wonder there is a woman with a large back yard at her command or a tiny one on a city street that does not grow them. One young girl who yearns to have a bunch when her Charley comes, and knew she could not give fifty cents a dozen in December and January, bought a dozen of the *Maria Louise* plants well started in September. She found the four sides of a box, and put it over some rich, soft soil, planted them, and gathered a large basket of leaves to put around the plants when cold weather came. An old window sash fitted the top of the box, and she cut out from a thick bed comfortable squares to put over, according as the weather was severe. Just one thing was added to the outfit: wit enough to mind them at the right time. Sunny days the sash was off or raised, and one or more of the cloth thicknesses was put on at night. She picked several bunches in December and January besides having the sweet pleasure of pinning one on Charley's coat on Christmas day. She does not see why young girls cannot earn a little spending money even in a small back city yard. Sweet Violets never are out of fashion, and the market is never glutted. At least, let us have them in the garden.

Detroit, Mich.

Sister Gracious.

ERYTHRONIUM IN MICHIGAN.—In this State the prevailing color of Dog-tooth Violet is yellow, although there are white ones to be found on the banks of the Kalamazoo, well down toward Lake Michigan. They resemble the yellow species in all respects but size and color. They are smaller and pure white. It was my good fortune last spring to find two of the white ones. As they were the first of the species I had ever found I was well pleased.

Nettie Williams.

Allegan, Mich., Aug. 6, 1895.

SPECIFIC FOR HEARTACHE.—Let me recommend the planting of seeds and the cultivation of flowers with your own hands as a specific for heartache.

Kershaw Co., S. C.

S. A. L.



SHADE FOR BEGONIAS.

OCCASIONALLY we hear the complaint "My Begonias do not grow. The plants are well-rooted, and in good soil, but appear stunted, and the leaves, instead of showing a rich green color, are yellow and sickly. I wish to know what treatment to give them."

In many instances this stunted growth is due to giving the plants a sunny exposure. In the culture of Begonias there is more in the matter of situation than is generally supposed. A good, well-drained, porous soil, liberal applications of water and partial shade will produce luxuriant Begonias during the summer months, but neglect as to position will, of itself, often render other conditions unavailing. To impress this fact the Editor, some months ago, made the accompanying drawings for the *Ladies' Home Companion*, of Springfield, Ohio, in which they were published with notes, and to which paper he is indebted for their use in the

MAGAZINE. Figure 1 represents a plant of *Begonia Sandersonii* grown in the greenhouse where the sun had free access, and figure 2 a plant of the same age grown under glass shaded by a thin coat of whitewash. These plants were average specimens from two lots, each containing several hundred plants grown in the positions referred to. In figure 1 you will notice the leaves are small, and lack the vigor of the leaves shown in figure 2, while the sickly, yellowish-green color contrasted strikingly with that of the rich, glossy-green lustre of the plants grown in partial shade. Both plants received the same treatment regarding soil, watering, etc., and the only difference apparently was in the sunny and shaded situations. The illustrations, therefore, speak for themselves, and emphasize in a convincing manner the value of a partial shade for the most

successful culture of *Begonia Sandersonii*. And what is true of this *Begonia* may be applied in a general way to all the species and varieties. Always remember a partial shade is the best situation for this class of plants. If this cannot be given failure often results.

FREESIAS.

PLANT your Freesias early if you would have early flowers. It takes long months for them to bud and bloom, so they must be put in the soil early, or the flowers cannot be enjoyed until late in the spring. Make your first planting as early as July, then through August, September, October, and later if desired, and you will have a succession of bloom that will cheer you through the dark winter months.

Allow seeds to ripen on some of the stalks, plant them, and after a while the little grass-like blades will begin to push up to the light. I cannot say how long one has to wait for the blossoms, but I can assure you that every seed will grow. They are easily trans-



BEGONIA SANDERSONII IN SUN AND SHADE.

planted from the seed-pan into pots, seeming not to mind the change in the least. Freesias like rich, mellow soil and plenty of water and sunlight. When they are planted set them in the light, as they do not need to be put in the dark to form roots, as do other winter-blooming bulbs. Nor are they exhausted by blooming, but may be grown year after year, only requiring a season of rest. Nettie Williams.

Allegan, Mich., Aug. 19, 1895.

PLUMBAGO COCCINEA.—My *Plumbago coccinea* has not put forth a side shoot. One leaf at a time grows slowly from the top until it has made a growth of about three inches during the year, and had one prolonged blossom spike it might be called, as it put forth its little florets until it had grown nine inches long.

L. M. P.

Worcester Co., Mass., July 29, 1895.

PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS FOR WATER.

AMONG the bulbs that came to me one fall were several Paper White Narcissus, one of which I put in a bowl of pebbles and water. Two or three days after I was obliged to go away, and was detained three weeks. After I had been away ten or twelve days, my flower-loving Teddie, who had also been away, came home to find the water all dried out of the bowl and the bulb thrown out of the gravel by root growth. He adjusted the bulb, filled the bowl with water and set in a window at the northeast corner of the house, where it had no attention till I returned, and even then all it got was an occasional filling up of its bowl with water. Yet it gave me one very large cluster of beautiful snow white fragrant flowers early in December which lasted over two weeks. With proper care it might have given several clusters of bloom. I think those who are looking for something sure to bloom, regardless of care, environment or condition will be pleased with the Paper White Narcissus.

Virgie C. Moon.

Ponchatoula, La.

FAULT-FINDERS.—The reason so many find fault with the seedsmen is that they do not give the seeds time to germinate, and then they think the seeds are not good. Such people ought never to have a seed to germinate. In the spring of 1889 I planted a lot of Canna seed. I knew they were fresh, but for some reason they did not come up that year. The next season I happened to look where I had sown the Canna seed when, lo! what should I see but fine healthy plants. All seeds are not mushroom sprouts. Do not condemn your seedsman until you have given the seeds a fair trial.

J. V. Staats.

New Brunswick, N. J.

MY GREENHOUSE.—My greenhouse is twenty-two feet long and ten feet wide, and is heated with a brick flue running through one side and across one end. The past winter was unusually severe, but I kept the temperature at 60° at night, and did not sit up later than ten o'clock any night. The fire was banked at that time, and the next morning there was a good fire.

Mrs. V. M. Morse.

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 17, 1885.

FLOWERS THAT BLOOM TO BLUSH
UNSEEN.

I DO not believe, like the poet Gray, that flowers are born to "blush unseen, and waste their fragrance on the desert air." Ah, no, dear friends, not a flower on earth is doomed to this. It is true the eye of man may never gaze upon the beauty of the desert Rose, and his sense of smell never be gratified by the fragrance from that Rose, yet are there not myriads of insects that revel in the beauty and fragrance of that desert flower? "Surely to them all that Rose is sweet." And yet, if not a creature wandered where that Rose is blooming, surely God would take delight in works his hands have made. Does not this fact teach us that nothing good in God's beautiful world is ever lost, no matter how trivial. A good act, a kind word, a pure thought, these are never lost. Though unknown and unappreciated by the world, God notes them and the recording angel writes them in the Book of Life to be read throughout the golden ages of eternity.

"Not one gem of purest ray serene
Is planted in the deep to perish there;
And not a flower on earth is born to blush
unseen

And lose its fragrance on the desert air."

Harford Co., Md. S. R. Johnson.

GIANT TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.—At a meeting of the California State Floral Society, on July 19, a member from San Francisco read a paper on Tuberous Begonias, their culture, propagation, etc., and exhibited a large number of cut blooms of the new California Giant Tuberous Begonias. A long table was covered with the lovely *Latifolia*, and nestling among it were giant double and single tuberous Begonias, of exquisite shades and tints, *camelia*-flowered, *peony*-flowered, *semi-double* and *single*. It was like fairy land. Such magnificent specimens were never seen before, and many were the expressions of delight at beholding their exquisite beauty. Some measured five inches across. The production of the double sorts was accomplished by fertilizing semi-double flowers with pollen from the single flowers, and it takes four years to perfect the process. Some European varieties were exhibited, but the California Giants were the largest.

Mrs. M. G. Walker.

Alameda Co., Cal., July 21, 1895.

A POPPY BED.

IF you have but little time or strength to attend to flowers why not have a Poppy bed? Give them a rich, mellow soil, work it up well in the fall, and after it has become too cold for germination to begin sow your seeds. If you wish a circular bed sow the



DANERROG POPPY.

taller sorts for the center, then the shorter ones, and last of all the dainty little rosebuds for a border. This will make a bed that will be bright and pretty, and give but little trouble. One might sow a tall variety, a bright scarlet, for a center, then a row of variegated, each petal part scarlet and part white; then white tipped scarlet; then pure white. This bed might have a border of Shirley Poppies, scarlet white-margined. These colors harmonize nicely, and a bed so arranged would be odd and attractive. Poppies are pretty in a border bed, either mixed colors or a mass of one variety. In no way are they anything but beautiful. It is possible to have a lovely display of Poppies with almost no trouble at all, by giving them a corner to themselves and allowing them to "run business" to please their fancy.

Nettie Williams.

Allegan, Mich., July 15, 1895.

[NOTE.—It is not necessary to wait till late autumn to sow seeds of Poppies. The best time to sow them is September and early October, so that the plants may get a good start before cold weather sets in Larkspur, Calliopsis, Nemophila and many other annuals do much better and bloom earlier also if sown in early autumn.—Ed.]

ROOTING GLOXINIAS.—I root Gloxinias from leaves in water. Cut the stem off square with a sharp knife and place in a small bottle of water. When rooted take the leaf out and pot in good soil. Let it remain so for four weeks, then cut the leaf off at the surface of the ground. In a month after this new leaves will issue from the little tuber.

Mrs. W. E.

Hampshire Co., Mass., June 28, 1895.

SOME CHOICE PLANTS.

LAST summer I had the pleasure of receiving from the Editor a box of choice plants which grew and flourished under my care and passed the winter in my cellar-pit, and with the coming of spring started into new growth. Among these is a Manettia vine (*Manettia cordifolia*) which covers a window. It is growing vigorously, and is full of buds ready to burst into bloom. This is a lovely vine, with fine wiry stems and beautiful leaves.

A blue Lobelia has grown and grown until it quite covers the top of a six-inch pot, and droops over the sides. This has bloomed continuously all summer. It has been a mass of the purest blue, and has been greatly admired. One lady remarked "It is the finest blue I ever saw."



LOBELIA.

Growing in a pot near the blue Lobelia, and blooming apace with it, and forming an admirable contrast, is a fine *Cuphea tricolor*. This is the finest *Cuphea* that I have ever seen, and I am more than pleased with these plants.

I must mention one more plant in this collection which is exceedingly fine and presents a most striking appearance. This is a Pennyroyal-scented Geranium. The plant is over two feet tall, and proportionately broad. The beautiful leaves are large, lobed and showy, and soft as a *Gnaphalium* leaf, with a true Pennyroyal scent. The flowers are small and insignificant, so I pinch them off as soon as they appear. These plants are to me a constant reminder of their kind donor, to whom my thoughts revert with deepest thanks.

Uhlma.

Riverside, W. Va., July 22, 1895.

OXALIS CERNUA.—I wish to speak of *Oxalis cernua*, or Buttercup *Oxalis*, as a winter-blooming plant. The leaves are three-lobed, light green, sprinkled with dark red, flowers a lovely bright canary yellow, borne in clusters on stems about eight inches long. Why it is not more generally known is a mystery, as I have found it one of the most satisfactory of plants for winter-blooming, and admired by all who see it. One bulb produces several more.

Mrs. E. Voss.

Lawrence Co., Ind., Apr. 9, 1895.

MAGAZINE GARDENS.

"I DON'T care what the books say," said my neighbor. "They can't know it all, and I don't want to have nicer flowers than my mother had, and she never read a floral magazine in her life."

Her garden was full of old fashioned things, and there were beds bordered with clean shells, and Sweet Peas growing on old brush that stuck out all ways of a Sunday, and somehow the whole establishment looked run down, like the old fashioned house with its small panes of glass and mossy shingles. But in the next block lives Mr. Wideawake, and one glance shows he takes the Florals, and is not satisfied unless he runs his gardens according to new ideas, and these keep up his interest, even though he often "makes a mess of it" or a dead failure, but these are quietly put on the manure pile, and he's "up, and at it" again. One bed he has filled with the old standard Roses, and these are nicely pruned, and he keeps the soil rich with bone dust and soot. His Sweet Peas enjoy themselves clinging to woven wire, instead of trying to fasten to strings. He has put Cannas in his circular lawn bed, instead of scarlet Geraniums that all his neighbors still cling to. He often puts his cigar money into something new in the way of shrubs or plants that he reads about in the "Florals," and, as he says, "It does me and all the neighborhood ten times more good." Let's subscribe for one floral magazine at least, and two are better. Find out what other gardeners are doing, and adopt some of the good suggestions.

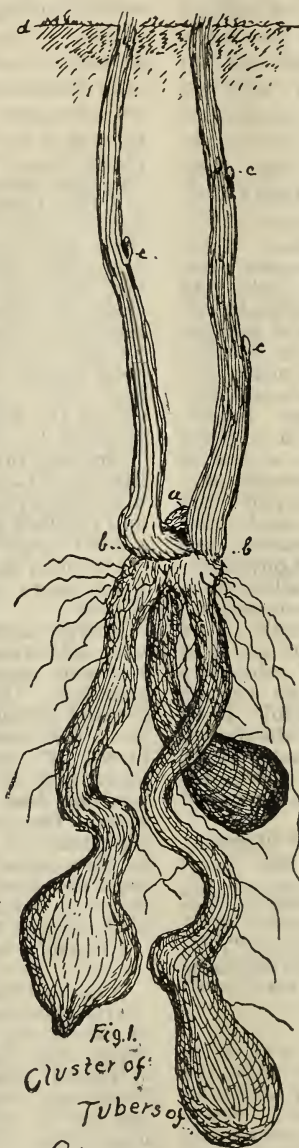
Detroit, Mich.

Sister Gracious.

ABOUT CINNAMON VINE.

A SUBSCRIBER enquires about the Cinnamon vine, stating that she ordered a root from a florist two years ago, and at the same time a neighbor obtained one from another dealer. Her's proved to be a small "bulblet" and made a diminutive growth, while her neighbor's was a long tuber, and produced a blooming vine. She wants to know what caused the difference or how these varied results occurred.

To explain the matter the Editor has secured specimens of the tubers of a large plant, and also a vine bearing the small tubers or "bulblets," and drawings of both kinds of tubers are herewith given. The large tubers grow deep in the ground, and are mostly from six to eight inches in length. In the drawing, figure 1, *a* represents the crown of the cluster. Around this crown the basal stems issue, as shown at *b, b*. These are white, thick and fleshy, and have latent buds, as seen at *c, c, c*. When these stems reach the surface of the ground, *d*, they contract into slender, wiry vines, bearing the graceful, glossy leaves, mostly in opposites. Now, it is at the base of the further leaves that the "bulblets" or small tubers are produced, and the drawings show the various stages noticeable in their progress. Figure 2, *e, e*, shows the thickening, knee-like leaf-stems in the first stage of tuber development. In a short time the tumor-like growth has developed till it assumes the form indicated at *f*, figure 3. Later these tu-



berosities develop "eyes" or buds, as seen at *g, g, g*, figure 4, and sometimes the development has progressed till a little leaflet upon a delicate stem issues

from it, as seen at *h*. The extremity of the vine bearing many bulblets sometimes diminishes in growth till the entire substance seems consumed



in an effort to produce these little tubers, as you will notice in

figure 5, where the leaves are mere rudiments, not as large as the leaflets thrown up by the tubers. This entire method of reproduction is interesting to study, but the enquirer will hardly think it so interesting to have the little



tubers palmed off as plants at the same price as the larger, older tubers represented in figure 1. It might be added that in loose, mellow soil the large tubers are straight and gradually increase in thickness toward the base. The gnarled appearance of those in the drawing was caused by obstructions, as clods and stones, which they met with in their downward growth. They grow very deep in the ground, mostly below the frost line in moderate climates, and are consequently of the most hardy character. The vines are chiefly valued for their foliage. It is seldom that a blooming plant is found. When found, however, the flowers are small and inconspicuous, but have a delightful cinnamon-like odor, from which the common name, Cinnamon Vine, is derived.



FIG. 5.

AGERATUM FOR WINTER-BLOOMING.—If you want a steady bloomer for winter get an *Ageratum*. It never stops blooming, and it is so bright and fresh looking. But look out that you give it plenty of water, for it is like a fish—can't live without water.

New Douglas, Ill. Mrs. Bucknell.

NASTURTIONS.

I HAVE always allowed the vining Nasturtions, which I prefer because they furnish more flowers for the same number of plants, to trail over the bed instead of training them up. They need considerable sun to bloom well, and when allowed to grow in this way the foliage does not scorch and burn, but remains fresh and green. Be generous with the flowers. The more you pick them, the more you will have, and yet they will manage to form and ripen seeds. Just before frost part the vines and you will find seeds on the ground. Gather and spread them out in a cool place to dry. If kept too warm they sometimes sprout or rot. I think no annual yields so much pleasure or so many flowers for so small an amount of time and labor as the Nasturtion. Lide.

Iola, Kan., Aug. 14, 1895.

MANETTIA BICOLOR.—To succeed with this plant pot it in tolerably rich, well-drained soil, composed of equal parts of sand, loam, leaf-mold and well-rotted manure. Place where it will be shaded from the hot noonday sun. Give plenty of water, especially during very warm weather. Apply liquid manure twice a week. When it has grown to a suitable length pinch back, and it will form buds. Another very important item—protect from severe storms of wind and rain. When so exposed the leaves turn black and die. Aphis sometimes infests the plant, but tobacco tea will eradicate the pest. It is said to be good for winter-blooming. Will those who have tried it as such please report results?

Emmet L. Hedgecock.

Davidson Co., N. C.

DAISIES.—I am surprised that the Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) is so little grown. Two years ago two packets of seeds, white and red, were sown, and the next spring they were parted and replanted, and formed a beautiful border twelve yards long. They were full of flowers till frost came. Slightly covered they lived through the winter in this severe climate, made again a beautiful bordering, and could now be divided so as to form a line of green, white and red a hundred feet long. With very little care they are perennial. E. T. Chambers.

Quebec, Can., July 31, 1895.

DON'T.

DON'T wait until December to order bulbs for winter blooming. If you do the very things you have set your heart on will probably be gone, and in any event it will be late mid-winter before your bulbs bloom.

Don't try to flower your bulbs in water. The Chinese Sacred Lily is an exception. It is really finer in water than in earth. Many of the Holland bulbs will flower in water, but the blooms are so much smaller and thinner, that it does not pay to keep the plants on a water diet.

Don't be afraid to leave your pots in the cellar after planting the bulbs. Nature's plan is to start root growth with this class of plants before leaf growth, and in the dark at that. A six, eight or ten weeks' stay won't hurt your bulbs. When the white roots peep out at the drainage hole you can bring the plants to the light, but not before.

Don't deluge with water while in the cellar. Evaporation is slow in the dark, and dormant. Water only when the soil gets dry. If watered well when potted no other watering may be necessary until brought to the light.

Don't bring your bulbs straight from the dark cellar to the sunniest window in the house. This is a common cause of bulbs blasting their flower spike. It is even a more frequent cause of the annoying "wedging" of the flower spike, the flowers sticking in the throat of the bulb, and none but the topmost blooms ever expanding. Put the recently brought up bulbs in a back window on an under shelf where they can develop slowly; and when the buds have once pushed out beyond the bulb, then bring to the light.

Don't let faded flowers wither on the plant. It is unsightly. Besides, if the bulb does not waste its strength developing seed other spikes of bloom are usually formed. These, while not as large as the first spikes, are always appreciated. Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo., July 26, 1895.

CACTUSES.—And still my Cactuses do not bloom. They grow and look so nice, yet lack the bloom. But I would not do without them, odd and prickly as some of them are. E. H. C.

McLean Co., Ill., Aug. 5, 1895.

MRS. MARY D. WELLCOME.

THERE was genuine sadness in my heart a few days ago as I read in a floral magazine the obituary notice of this dear sister. How many of us have been helped by her penned advice! She wrote almost exclusively of flowers and plants, and it was ever her aim to write clearly and truthfully. As you and I read her articles it has more than once been impressed on our minds that the writer was not a Christian in name alone. There was



MRS. M. D. WELLCOME.

ever an under-current that spoke of higher thought and deeper feelings. It is a beautiful thing to live nobly, as did this sister; to feel that there is a land where flowers will spring and bloom eternally. As we tend our precious flowers here there is often borne to us thoughts of that other home with its treasures and beauties. And oftentimes we wonder if the flowers in that home will be like these of our earthly habitation. This and the question "Have flowers souls," are too deep for our human intellects, nor is there need that we should puzzle over these occult secrets. It is enough for us that these blossoms we tend with care inspire us with deep thoughts and feelings that we might otherwise never know. May we all meet the dear flower-loving sister who left us June 7, 1895, and with her enjoy the beautiful things in store for all who love Him, over there where no sorrow or suffering comes. Lina.

Lexington, Ill., July 31, 1895.

ACACIA LOPHANTHA FROM SEEDS.—

Last spring I planted seeds of *Acacia lophantha* and kept them wet till the time usually allowed for their germination expired. Then I took them from the dirt, and they looked just the same as when planted. So I placed them in a dish of sand, and each morning covered them with hot water (first turning off the cold water), and I succeeded in raising fine plants from every seed. Mrs. J. B. Dodge.

Lincoln Co., Me., July 5, 1895.

FLOWERS FOR INVALIDS.

UNLESS one has experienced it, it is difficult to realize how much pleasure an invalid may derive from a small bouquet of fresh flowers. Even if convalescent and allowed to look at books, pictures, etc., or the more fatiguing privilege of conversation, one wearies of them all, indeed even of delightful music at times; but flowers, those beautiful, silent messengers, are a continual feast of enjoyment. In summer it is a simple matter to find abundance of beautiful foliage and delicate, lovely blossoms for missionary purposes, but in winter, and particularly in a climate where the thermometer drops to 40° below zero occasionally, flowers are by no means remarkable for their profusion. Yet to a true lover of floriculture, there is no keener pleasure than that of giving generously of their beautiful treasures, and not to possess any for missionary work is a deprivation, indeed. However, half a dozen pots of plants may so easily be protected from cold that with a little care no one need be without flowers all winter.

Artemisia or Sweet Fern is a lovely foliage plant, and so delicately fragrant that it could not be objectionable to anyone. Sow a few of the seeds in two pots or tomato tins, keep the soil moist, and in a month or two they will be masses of delicate feathery green. Sow another pot or two with the Little Gem Sweet Alyssum, or plant it around the edge of a large pot containing another plant. The effect will soon be a beautiful mass of green, and tiny sprays of sweet white blossoms. In another pot or basket place a good plant of *Crassula cordata*. It is an exquisite thing for bouquets, large panicles of fairy-like, rosy-white flowers crowning every stem. In summer it is a handsome foliage plant; in winter it is a constant and prolific bloomer. As a basket plant it is eminently desirable, requiring scarcely any care, and being unusually hardy. Lastly buy a strong plant of the good old *Achania malvaviscus*. Its scarlet, upright, Fuchsia-like blossoms are very bright and pretty. It will bloom almost all the year round, and is as hardy and as indifferent to care as the *Crassula*. Two or three sprays of Sweet Alyssum, one or two



panicles of *Crassula*, a couple of scarlet *Achanias*, and the ferny green of the *Artemisia* compose a really lovely little bouquet for a sick room.

Mrs. S. H. Snider.

Napinka, Man., Aug. 12, 1895.

A BEGONIA PROTECTOR.

MAY I give you a cute idea on the care of Rex Begonias? You know how fussy they are. They can't stand sun, they can't stand a breeze, etc. Well, I had an old kitchen table. I nailed around this four-inch boards, which formed a receptacle for clean sand. At the four corners were placed upright pieces of thick lath, a half lath at each corner, then lath all around the top. To this frame-work I tacked new muslin, at sides, back and top, and a curtain for the front. I set the table at the north side of the house. Into this little greenhouse I set my pots of Rex Begonias on the wet sand, and there they have been all summer, and how nicely they have grown! I am quite proud of them. The damp sand has supplied the required moisture to the under side of the leaves, and the whole arrangement has seemed to be just what their natures needed. Anyone may grow them. But anyone may not grow them well, simply from the fact that they are so little understood. I have come to the conclusion an amateur may grow any kind of plant if they give it the proper care and culture. To do this study the plant.

M. R. W.

Scott Co., Iowa, July 31, 1895.

TWO PRETTY TUBS.—I had a barrel sawed in half and nailed the tubs to posts after painting them nicely. I had just bought ten summer-blooming *Gladiolus*, and had some Ivy. I filled the tubs with nice rich dirt, then placed five *Gladiolus* in the center of each tub, and around the edge put the Ivy, then some Sweet Fern, Marigolds in mixture, *Portulaca*, Dusty Miller, Zinnias, and even Morning Glories. I cannot describe how beautiful they really are. Everyone who sees them admires these tubs, and there is no trouble keeping out grass, as there is in flower beds. This is an easy way for the busy flower-lover to raise them, and there is no trouble except to water and stake the taller flowers.

L. O. S.

Mont. Co., Md., July 26, 1895.

VIRGINIA CREEPER AND POISON IVY.

AMPELOPSIS or Virginia Creeper is such a beautiful vine, and so useful for covering trees or trellis work, pillars or sides of houses, that it is but just to make the distinction plain between it and the Poison Ivy, so nearly allied to it.

The last named has only three leaflets, which are thin, light green and without gloss, while the veining is not conspicuous. The Ampelopsis has five leaflets with very prominent ribs and veins, and in color a bright glossy green, as if varnished. It turns to brilliant scarlet during the autumn months, and in rapidity of growth exceeds all other vines. The height it attains and the density of its foliage,



Leaf of
Virginia Creeper.

with the tenacity of clinging to whatever support it has, leaves it without a rival except the genuine old English Ivy.

With the description and engraving before them the unwary may not complain of poisoned hands. The least touch of the Poison Ivy irritates the flesh, while the Ampelopsis has no poisonous qualities whatever.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

Holmes Co, Miss.

[NOTE.—The illustrations herewith given were sketched by the Editor from life, and are fair representations. It will be noticed that the Poison Ivy has curved and drooping leaflets and the teeth along the margin are obtuse or blunt, while the leaves of the Virginia Creeper are rigid and flat, and the marginal teeth are mucronate or have a spine-like tip. The leaves of Virginia Creeper often show only three leaflets, although the common number is five as indicated in the drawing. Leaves of Poison Ivy also turn to a lovely red or scarlet color in autumn, so that is not a good distinction, though the color is not so lasting as that of Virginia Creeper. Another method of determining the plants is that the older vines of Poison Ivy are often covered with root-like, mossy fibers, while the vines of the Virginia Creeper are comparatively naked.—Ed.]

FRUIT-BEARING SHRUBS.

IF you have but a small space of ground and want both fruit and flowers why not plant a few fruit-bearing shrubs. The dwarf Juneberry, a native of Alaska, is quite new in most localities, having been grown in this country but a few years. Of course, it is perfectly hardy anywhere in the United States, which is greatly in its favor. It grows quickly, and bears fruit when quite small. In early spring, before the leaves start, it is completely covered with its lovely little blossoms. The fruit is purple when ripe, and about the size of a cherry. The bushes seldom, if ever, grow over six feet in height, so do not require much space.

The Buffalo Berry is another new



Leaf of
Poison Ivy.

shrub-like tree, which sometimes attains a height of ten feet. The foliage is silvery white and the large clusters of berries of rich crimson form a charming combination. The fruit is best left on the tree until after a few autumn frosts, which sweeten them. They are fine used in any way, but especially so in jelly.

The Tree Cranberry is a very pretty shrub, growing about as high as a Lilac bush. It grows in an upright tree-like form, and produces bright red fruit in abundance. It is hardy anywhere.

Eleagnus logipes, a native of Japan, is a very desirable shrub. The small yellow blossoms are borne in great profusion in May, while the delicious red fruit is ripe the first of July. This shrub grows to a height of five or six feet, and bears quite young.

The dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry grows about four feet high and produces an enormous amount of fruit when only two or three years old. It produces delicious fruit every year.

Oregon.

J. A. L.

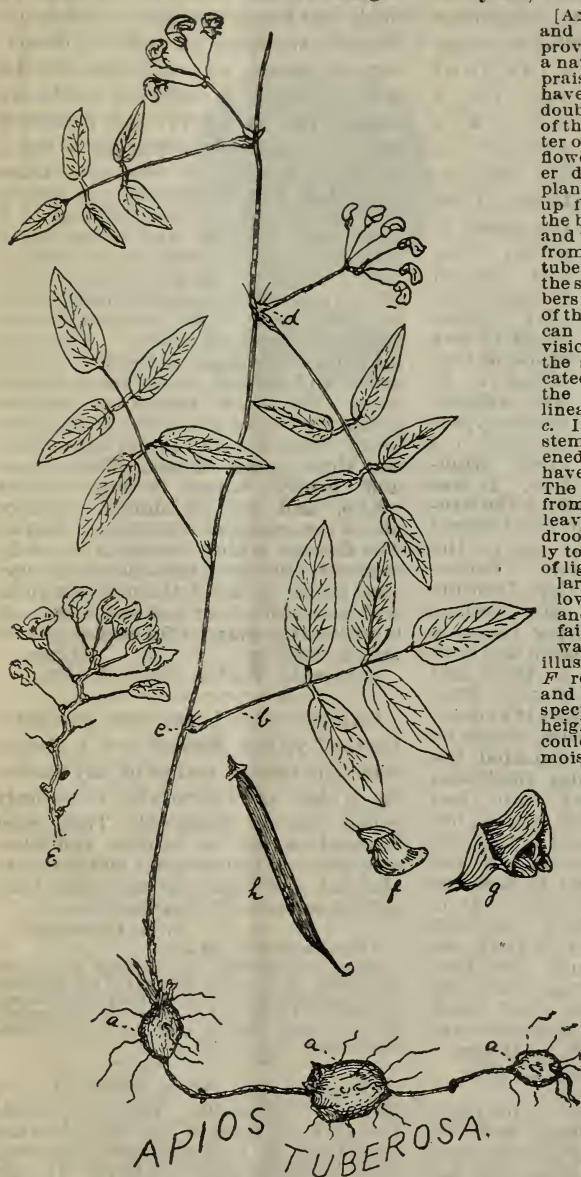
A COMMON NATIVE VINE.

MR. EDITOR:—I send you bloom and leaf of a native vine that grows here in bottom land. It has potato-like roots—several tubers along a

small beans. I have never tried to grow it from seeds, but I have transplanted the tubers to my garden, where they do well, and throw up vines several feet in height. Mrs. M. A. Goss.

Bryant, Mo., July 16, 1895.

[ANSWER.—The specimen leaf and flower cluster received proved to be of *Apios tuberosa*, a native vine that has been overpraised by many dealers who have offered the plants for sale, doubtless without a knowledge of the inferior decorative character of the vine. As the leaf and flower-cluster sent by the enquirer did not fully represent the plant the Editor had a vine taken up from its native place upon the bank of an adjacent stream, and the drawings were prepared from that. *A, a, a* represent the tubers as they are disposed along the subterranean stem. These tubers have "eyes" much like those of the Irish potato, and the vine can be readily propagated by division. There are also buds along the subterranean stem as indicated in the drawing. *B* shows the compound leaf with small, linear stipules or appendages at *c*. It will be noticed the leaf-stem is greatly swelled or thickened at the base, and the leaflets have their entire stem enlarged. The flower clusters are produced from the axils of the upper leaves, as at *d*, and the leaves droop, as represented, apparently to give the flowers the benefit of light and sun. *E* represents a large zigzag flower cluster, the lower blossoms having faded and fallen. The flowers often fail to bear seeds, but a pod was found upon the specimen illustrated, and this is shown at *h*. *F* represents an opening bud, and *g* a full-blown flower. This specimen was six feet or more in height, and grew where its roots could constantly draw abundant moisture from the soil. When well-grown the flowers are rather attractive in form and color, being of a peculiar brown. The plant is desirable in a large collection of vines, but there are so many other vines more beautiful in flower and foliage, and that bloom so much longer, that this plant is hardly worthy of general cultivation.—Ed.]



subterranean stem. Please give me the name of this vine through your MAGAZINE, as no person here has a name for it. It has seed-pods like

one starting to grow bring it immediately to the light.

Mrs. M. A. Bucknell.

New Douglass, Ill.

CACTI.—Keep your *Phyllocactus* and *Rhipsalis* on a shelf by an east or south window, where they will grow all winter. Many other kinds must and will have rest, but if you see

CAPE JASMINE.

I HAVE been treated to a surprise. I had never seen a Cape Jasmine in bloom, but in some unaccountable way I had taken a prejudice against it, thinking it was a little inconspicuous thing. So, when a Southern corre-



CAPE JASMINE.

spondent sent me a wee Cape Jasmine I did not enthruse. I put the plant in a tin can, and shoved it back on the plant stand to live or die as best suited it. It was watered regularly, but received no other attention. It was pushed under the shelf half of the winter to make more room, and with warm weather was sunk in its pot in the ground to make less trouble. I had almost forgotten the little Cape Jasmine when one morning I saw nestled among the pretty, shining leaves a beautiful white flower, large and double, its shell-like petals as thick and heavy as though cut out of wax. Poor neglected flower! We lifted it at once, and carried it into the house, where its delicious fruity odor permeated the whole room. Day by day the bloom changed—first to an ivory white, then to a cream, then to a dull yellow, but the rich perfume lingered to the very last. We were proud enough of our Cape Jasmine, and when an accident snapped off the only advanced buds on the tree we all mourned. Always include a few pot shrubs in your collection. They give dignity and tone to smaller, more ephemeral plants, are capable of withstanding great hardships, and the most of them are very beautiful.

Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo., July 22, 1895.

BUSH MORNING GLORY.—This plant grows in eastern Colorado and Nebraska, and is called by residents there "Indian Bread Fruit," from the fact that the Indians used to roast and eat the huge root, which is said to be nutritious.

L. P.

Ward, Colorado.

TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM.

THIS unique and beautiful wild wood flower, sometimes called Woods Lily, is a member of the Lily family of North America. It is a most noble and handsome plant, and is sufficiently attractive for and well deserving of almost any situation in the flower border. It will grow and thrive among the shrubbery, and flourishes best in the shade, requiring a light, moist, rich soil. A clump of these charming flowers grow in my shrubbery border. They are striking to a remarkable degree, and exceedingly attractive. They send up a slender, naked stem which grows from ten to fifteen inches high, and is "terminated by three, ovate, broad, pointed, beautifully netted-veined leaves." From the junction of these leaves the flower-stem grows and is from two to three inches long. The three handsome obovate petals are two or two and a-half inches long. They are very much larger than the three green sepals. This chaste and lovely flower is superlatively white, and sits in stately elegance above the crown of three green leaves. The flowers, which bloom in the early summer, change to rose-color with age. This flower is one of the most singular and beautiful of our native plants, and is eminently adapted for border culture and decoration.

Uhlma.

Riverside, W. Va., July 16, 1895.

CALENDULA.—I am not especially fond of yellow flowers, yet I always leave one special corner in my garden for a bed of Calendula, commonly called Boston Marigold. They seed themselves, are no trouble, and blossom through the summer and late into the fall, and near the salt water they will blossom until Thanksgiving.

J. H. Crossmon.

Worcester Co., Mass.

NOTE.—Calendulas are among the latest blooming of annuals and rival the hardest Chrysanthemums. Indeed they seem to enjoy frost. If started in summer and grown in pots they bloom well in a cool room throughout the winter.—Ed.]

CULLING GERANIUM BUDS.—If you have a Geranium that is double just pick out most of the buds, leaving only three or four and see what nice, large blossoms you will have. If your plant is small it will be much better for the plant to have some of the buds removed.

Mrs. W. E.

Hampshire Co., Mass., June 28, 1895.

ABOUT VERBENAS.

ALL flower-lovers know the beauty of Verbenas, but did any of your readers ever try to winter them in a cold room? Those who have tried wintering them in a warm place know how quickly they become covered with aphids, but in a cold place insects do not molest them.

Last fall I gathered slips from a bed of different varieties of Verbenas, rooted them in wet sand in a sunny window, and when roots formed potted them, and put them in a cold room, where, in moderate winters it does not freeze. But last winter, being very cold, they were frozen quite hard a number of times, and as I expected they would die, I did not take any pains about thawing them. In a few weeks they completely recovered, and one would not know they had ever been frozen. In April they were covered with buds and blossoms. At present, August 12th, they are growing in my garden, and make a bed which for beauty of color cannot be excelled.

Aunt Fanny.

Penobscot Co., Me., July 12, 1895.

ORNAMENTAL GOURDS.—Last July I planted some Ornamental Gourd seeds. They came up and grew and grew! I am afraid to say how many yards of wire fence they covered, and the green foliage, yellow blooms and white fruit lasted till frosts and were much admired. Then the gourds were gathered, and my little girl played with them half the winter, when they were finally used to decorate the church at Christmas.

Mrs. Ollie Wood.

Cinnaminson, N. J., May 11, 1895.

NIEREMBERGIA GRACILIS.—This is a very beautiful plant either for the garden or window. The flowers of mine were the color of the sky, and so numerous as to almost conceal the foliage, which is fern-like and very delicate. It is one of the best plants I ever cultivated.

Aunt Fanny.

Penobscot Co., Me., Aug. 12, 1895.



VERBENA.

EXPERIENCE WITH ROSES.

SIX weeks ago, on the twenty-fourth of June, I planted twenty-five ever-blooming Roses received by mail.

"Do you expect them to bloom this summer?" I was asked.

"I expect them to bloom in six weeks," I answered.

Five weeks from the time of planting two, Charles Legrady and Marie Guillot, were in bloom. To-day, just six weeks from the day they were planted, four others, Aurora, La Phoenix, Mad. Elie Lambert and Monseur Furtado, have each a rose open. All but four or five of the others are budded, The Queen, Catharine Mermet and Champion of the World closely following those already in bloom. Of course the plants are small, and for a time will not give more than two or three roses at once, but I expect a constant succession from now until after hard frosts. Out of twenty-five Roses planted I lost but one, though the weather was warm and dry at the time of planting. I left the selection of varieties to the florist, stating only that I wished ever-blooming Roses for out-door planting.

S. C.

Orange Co., Ind., Aug. 9, 1895.

ROOTING PELARGONIUMS.—I find from experience that old, thoroughly decomposed manure is better than sand for rooting Pelargoniums. I mix a small quantity of sand with the manure, and insert the slips when I trim the old plants in August. I keep them moderately wet and in a sunny window, and by spring they are fine blooming plants without being removed from the pot where they were rooted. I have good success rooting other plants in the same way. I had tried to root Lemon Verbena a number of times, but always failed until I took a cutting of half-ripened wood and planted in the above named compost, and I now have a plant growing thriftily.

Mrs. Anna Davis.

Portland, Ore., Apr. 5, 1895.

WINTERING WATER HYACINTH.—I saved three plants of Water Hyacinth last winter by potting them in earth in the autumn and keeping them with my window plants. Early in spring they were placed in a pail half filled with wood-dust and charcoal. Although exposed to the sun, and in a healthy condition they have not yet bloomed.

L. M. P.

Worcester Co., Mass., July 31, 1895.

ENSLERIA ALBIDA.

TO GIVE AWAY.

RECENTLY a little box came by mail to the Editor, and to show the many readers of the MAGAZINE its contents the sketches on this page were made. The most prominent object was the large green seed-pod, while the graceful leaf (*a*) and spray of bloom (*b*) were tucked in about it. A note from the Kentucky sister who sent it stated that it was from a native vine, which grew six feet or more in height. The plant was at once classified as a member of the Milk-weed family, and a microscopic examination of the little flower revealed the following facts:

Calyx segments (*e*) five, small, green, pubescent; corolla lobes (*f*) five, lance-ovate, whitish, erect; appendages (*g*) five, membranaceous, with two awn-like projections as indicated. Crown proper in five divisions, one of which is represented at *h*. These bear the pollen masses, one of which is represented much enlarged at *j*, and together they surround and enclose the pistil, *i*, with its two-parted stigma, as shown.

All these points, together with the twining character of the plant, its opposite, cordate leaves, corymbose inflorescence, and smooth, cylindraceous follicles or seed-pods pointed out its botanical name as *Ensleria albida*. It is a near relative of *Gonolobus obliquus*, which was figured and described in the MAGAZINE some months ago, and it is included in the same order with *Asclepias*, *Stephanotis*, *Hoya* and *Stapelia*. Only a chance bloom becomes fertilized and bears seeds, as will be noticed by reference to the drawing. The little stem (*c*) shows by its projections where numerous flowers were produced, but only one follicle (*d*) developed. The angle or crook in the stem which you will observe is characteristic of many *Asclepiads*. This is not a showy vine, but graceful in foliage, and attractive enough to awaken an interest when found growing in its native haunts.

ONE morning I received, nicely done up in moss, a Water Hyacinth. It was a queer looking thing with its one leaf and the pod at the base, so I stuck the end down in a Hyacinth glass filled with water. The sunny window warmed it to gratitude, and in a week the glass was crowded. The whole outfit could be easily moved into a small glass preserve dish, then a larger one, and as utensils failed I began to cut off the bits and give away. When the warm spring days came a tub was sunk to the brim in the garden, a peck of manure placed in the bottom, soft meadow soil on top, then

water carefully poured in, and the queer plant was added. It floated around for a few days to see what kind of a pond this was. Evidently satisfied, it sent down those queer, feathery, purplish roots, and one summer morn there were fine sprays of the exquisitely

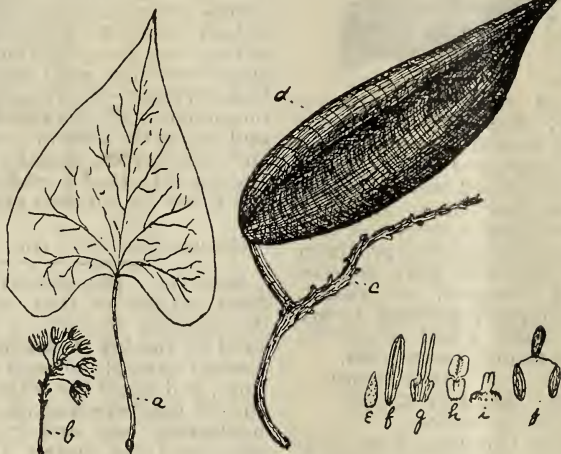
colored flowers. All the neighbors, far and near, came in to admire and envy. Next season be sure to have a Water Hyacinth. You will take a daily delight in it, and, best of all, there will be enough and to spare of the rapidly growing thing to share with all your friends. Sister Gracious.

Detroit, Mich.

ACACIA LOPHANTHA.—I have an *Acacia lophantha* that is two years old, and has been twice to the top of the room. Now it stands more than five feet high, and has several branches that are more than two feet long. It is budded, but has never been in bloom, so I cannot speak of the flowers. It is one of the most beautiful plants in my collection, and is the most admired.

N. W.

Allegan, Mich., Aug. 6, 1895.



ENSLERIA ALBIDA.

A WILDERNESS.

THE wild white Morning Glories are a-bloom now. From my window I can see them a-gleam on the hill-side where they grow among the rocks, and trail and clamber over them in rich luxuriance. And wild Roses spring from the rocks and breathe on the air sweetest perfume. The Iron weeds and Goldenrods brighten the high-ways and by-ways. The green bank next the river in front of my grounds appear as if a veil of fine white lace had been thrown over it. The wild Carrots have taken possession of the bank, and are more delicate and beautiful than I can tell. The tall, slender Moth Mullen bears its long spike of pretty white flowers, and from many a tall shrub or young tree the wild white Clematis waves her dreamy lace-like flowers. The Bignonias here are exceptionally fine. One has taken possession of an old, very tall peach tree, and completely enveloped it, and others grow rampant over the wild shrubs and trail down the bank, and great clusters of their trumpet-like flowers glow in the sunlight. Wild Multiflora Roses grow rank. Passion Vines have pre-empted a home in the wilderness. This is *Passiflora incarnata*, and all summer long this royal flower adorns the bank. Here, too, are the wild white Daisies. But the wild white Asters are at home here—the graceful, starry-eyed Asters; and the beautiful blue Bindweed, and the delicate little yellow Oxalis grow everywhere. A pink Perennial Pea was planted on the edge of a steep place in the bank years ago. Now it covers a great space and trails over the bank, and blooms wonderfully from spring until frost. In the spring or early summer this bank is a wilderness of Roses. All the old-time Roses which were discarded from my garden to make room for new varieties were planted down here, where they grow and bloom wonderfully well. There are white and pink and yellow Roses, and the dear old Sweet-briar makes the air rich with its delicious fragrance. Trees, too, are on the bank; Sumacs with their plume-like foliage and bunches of red berries, each one a picture in itself. Here the Plane tree, the Sycamore and the Locust are found, also Paw-paw bushes. Next the river the bank is fringed with swaying willows.

Uhlma.

Riverside, W. Va., July 16, 1895.

FRITTILLARIA MELEAGRIS.

THIS is a beautiful, hardy, bulbous flower, bell-shaped in form, and of various shades from white to almost black, the intermediate shades being beautifully chequered with marks as shown in the accompanying engraving. The plants are from a foot to a foot and a-half in height, and the drooping flowers are borne in clusters at the



Fritillaria Meleagris.

summit. The leaves appear early in spring, and are soon followed by the flower stems with their pendant blossoms. An English writer says:

"This beautiful plant in all its forms may be used with excellent effect by the tasteful gardener. It grows freely in grass not mown early, and is therefore admirable as a wild garden plant. Its various forms are among the most beautiful inhabitants of the hardy bulb garden, and tufts of the chequered or white-flowered are among the most graceful plants seen in English cottage gardens."

As this plant is rare in American gardens it will be a novelty to many. The bulbs should be secured and planted in autumn, and a clump of them may be more satisfactory than some of the better known and more costly bulbs.

MEXICAN PRIMROSE.—I am not greatly pleased with this flower. A friend had one that bloomed well in winter, and she shared with me. I planted mine in a vase, and all through the spring it was covered with flowers, but has had none since the warm days came. The flowers are beautiful, but the leaves are so insignificant that I took it out of the vase and potted it. I placed it in a corner, giving it a rest, hoping that it may bloom in the fall and winter.

M. M.

Cincinnati, O., July 5, 1895.

CROCUSES FOR WINTER-BLOOMING.

LAST winter was the first one that ever found me with a supply of winter-blooming bulbs. But I have resolved it shall not be the last, if I can possibly avoid it. Aside from the beauty of the blossoms there is an intense interest to the grower in watching the unfolding buds and speculating beforehand as to what the color will be, only to find you are mistaken. Oh, it is interesting, and well worth depriving yourself of some much cherished piece of dress or other ornament that the money may be invested in bulbs to beautify your rooms when winter's chilling blasts shake the windows and wall like demons through the keyholes of the doors.

Last September I ordered just a dozen *Crocus* bulbs for the sitting room window. They were mixed colors and cost but ten cents. The pleasure they gave was worth dollars—yes, actually dollars. I potted them at intervals, beginning in September, and they gave us a succession of blossoms for weeks. The colors were yellow, blue and white with striped effects. They are very regular in regard to their habit of sleeping and waking. You will enjoy watching them. I had one magnificent yellow *Crocus* that gave us no less than nine blossoms. It was a beauty, and the most showy one of the entire collection. It requires less light for *Crocuses*, I think, than for some other bulbs. On this account it is very satisfactory. Then, too, several bulbs may be grown in a quart can; this is another nice characteristic. My bulbs were of the common variety, but there is a variety known as the Giant-flowered that is much superior to the common kind, and much more expensive. It is best not to set the bulbs too deep in the soil, as deep planting has a tendency to lessen the supply of blossoms. They should have good soil and good drainage. It requires some time for the bulbs to become well rooted. Many overlook this important point, and by setting the pot in a lighted position encourage top growth, and so fail to have blossoms. With all requirements given them you need never fear a failure in growing *Crocuses*. Lina.

McLean Co., Ill., Aug. 6, 1895.

[NOTE.—Special care should be taken, as advised, to have the bulbs well-rooted before bringing them to the window to bloom. Neglect of this will result in failure. Give them a rather cool temperature when you bring them to the light. A warm, dry atmosphere will often cause the buds to blast.—ED.]

PAPER POSIES AND RAG ROSES.

I HAVE just been reading the article on paper flowers in the July MAGAZINE, and I feel like saying "O, gracious, Sister Gracious, why didn't you write that before?" Here, too, in the language of Mrs. Partington, we are "misgusted" with paper flowers. Think of carrying paper flowers to church! Not long since I attended the funeral of a dear friend in a country church, where there was a wreath of paper roses, mostly bright red, with a few white and yellow ones, and some green leaves. It was fastened to a paper box, to represent a pillow, I suppose, and placed before the sacred desk near the casket. I was glad it was not on the casket. In the course of his remarks the pastor, being very much in earnest, brought his hand down to the desk with some force, and that paper offering toppled over. As he leaned forward and saw the floral pillow face downward on the floor of the chancel, the expression on his face said "that is the place for it." There was a very large bouquet of the same piece on a cabinet organ used. While the procession was forming for the cemetery these remarks were overheard in the porch: "They are larger and prettier than real flowers." An old gentleman inquired "Who fetched those rag Roses?" When told what they were he said "Paper, huh; I thought they were from the milliner shop." Next came some young ladies from the choir, and one whispered "Did you see that old lady sniff those paper flowers?" Another said "Yes, wasn't it laughable, and did you hear her say 'Ain't any smell to 'em.'" And I thought what a pity; why did they not put some snuff on them. M. D.

Livingston Co., N. Y., Aug. 1, 1895.

VINCA ROSEA.—*Vinca rosea*, which comes readily from seed, is very nice for winter-blooming. Perhaps all do not know that it is a species of *Myrtle*, and, in fact, just like blue *Myrtle* in foliage. It is of upright growth, however, and a plant two years old is something beautiful, with its glossy leaves and numerous flowers. Unless started early they do not bloom the first year. Aunt Fanny.

E. Newport, Me., Aug. 12, 1895.

[NOTE.—This *Vinca* blooms continuously, and is desirable for either bedding in summer or pot culture in winter. It likes heat and an upper shelf in the window suits it well. In a warm, sunny place and watered freely, it is satisfactory for winter-blooming.—ED.]

HELIOTROPE.

THE Heliotrope requires little more care than is usually given the Verbena. Most people grow them as pot plants, and have no idea how rapidly they grow when bedded out, and given plenty of room. The flowers are larger and much more abundant than when grown in pots. They are sun-loving plants and should never be grown in the shade. I find it pays best to root your slips one summer and



HELIOTROPE.

care for them over winter for the next summer's bloom. The slips started this spring will not be ready to bloom before the summer is half over, while those that were rooted the latter part of last summer will commence and bloom the whole summer through. Cut off the flower clusters as soon as they begin to fade, and cut back to the next point. They demand plenty of water, but it must not be on the leaves when the sun is shining, as they turn black and look as if scorched. I have a large box with a Tea Rose in it, in which I have been using soot as a fertilizer until the soil is almost black, and find I can root almost any kind of slip in that soil. I break off slips of half ripened wood, place in the soil, turn a glass tumbler tightly over them, and in about one week the little white roots begin to appear. I place something under one side of the tumbler, and allow them to have the air gradually. Do not disturb the young plants for about three weeks, and then put them in thumb pots, and shift to larger ones as they fill these with roots. They must be kept moist all the time, as it will injure the tiny roots to allow them to dry out. It is said that they can be easily raised from seeds. I have never tried it, but know they would have to be started very early for the best results.

Laura Jones.

Lincoln, Ky.

FREESIAS AND SPARAXIS.—Freesias are lovely in the window and delightfully sweet. They bloomed nicely for me, and I am greatly pleased with them. A pot of Sparaxis bulbs developed their showy flowers, exhibiting odd and beautiful colors in a charming manner. They, too, are elegant window flowers.

Mrs. B. Bradley.

Barry Co., Mich.

LILIUM LONGIFLORUM.

LAST October I received a bulb of *L. longiflorum*. I potted and treated it according to directions, the same as *L. Harrisii*, and it grew and grew like Jack's Bean Stalk till it was taller than *L. Harrisii* that stood by its side, though not so stocky. It threw up one stalk, which, in April, was four feet high, and crowned with Lilies. We thought it as fine as *L. Harrisii*, which bloomed earlier. In May I turned it out, and planted the whole ball without disturbing the bulb or roots, planting the bulb ten inches deep, as our winters are severe, then put on a mulch of decayed leaves to keep it cool in summer, and left it for nature to take care of. Imagine my surprise the middle of June to see two stalks coming up beside the old one, which was yellow with age. Giving it no care I waited results. Now, July 25, the new stalks are about a foot above the mulch, each with one lily in full bloom. The buds measured ten inches before they opened. Is it not unusual for it to bloom in summer after being forced in winter, or did I not give it the proper treatment to develop the three stalks.

Mrs. A. M. Dunn.

Livingston Co., N. Y., July 25, 1895.

[ANS.—It is not unusual for bulbs that have been forced to bloom in winter, then bedded out, to produce flowers again during summer or autumn. It is this tendency to early growth and development that causes the loss of many bedded bulbs that have been previously used for winter-blooming. The tender growth made before winter weakens the bulbs so that they will not endure severe frosts. It is better to keep the bulbs in the pots in which they bloomed, withholding water to such an extent that they will remain dormant till autumn, say in October, then put them out.—ED.]

A DAINTY BOUQUET.—Take a large cluster of Geraniums, surround it with good-sized Rose Geranium leaves, and at intervals place *Nicotiana* flowers, passing the stems through the openings in the leaves, so that the flowers rest upon the leaves. If *Nicotianas* are picked when fully opened and placed in water they will remain open several days. If possible, keep in a cool, shaded room.

Lide.

Iola, Kan., Aug. 14, 1895.

NICOTIANA AFFINIS.—I have three huge bushes of *Nicotiana affinis*, each bearing hundreds of fragrant blossoms—and that after blooming in the house all last winter.

Mrs. J. J.

Cour d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 15, 1895.

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THE PUBLISHER.

BOSTON SMILAX.—Raise the plants from seeds. Sow them in June in a sheltered, slightly shaded bed outdoors, and let the plants remain in the bed till September, then pot them in three-inch pots and shift them into larger pots as they grow. The Smilax has a peculiar way of throwing up successively taller and stronger shoots. The first growth is diminutive, and the plant apparently becomes dormant. Then a new shoot appears which grows higher and is more vigorous. In a little while another still more robust shoot appears, and in this way the plant continues till vines from five to six feet are produced. Spring seedlings will make handsome trellis vines or strings for cutting the following winter.

CLERODENDRON BALFOURI.—This is a deciduous twining plant requiring considerable heat. In summer, while growing and blooming it needs a warm temperature. Toward winter withhold water till the leaves begin to wilt, then moisten the soil and allow the drying process to be repeated. The leaves will soon turn yellow and drop off, and in this condition the plant should be wintered, the winter temperature being about 55°. Keep the soil barely moist during winter, simply enough to keep the roots firm. The plants thrive in a compost of leaf-mould, garden loam, decayed manure and sand, equal parts.

CLARKIA ELEGANS.

A FLORAL sister sends the Editor a handsome pressed specimen of *Clarkia elegans* requesting him to name the plant through the **MAGAZINE**. The accompanying sketch was made from the branch, so that those who



have similar blooming plants may readily determine the name. The plant belongs to the family of the Evening Primrose, and like the common species of *Oenothera* each flower is subtended by a leaf-like bract, and the seed-pod forms the stem of the flower. Both these points are fairly indicated in the sketch.

TIGRIDIAS.—Bulbs of these should be lifted in the fall, dried off, and kept free from frost. As they are liable to dry too much and lose their vitality if kept in a warm dry atmosphere some persons recommend storing them in close tin or glass vessels. They are not as hardy as *Gladiolus*, but may be left outdoors where the soil is well-drained, in a climate where frost does not penetrate to an appreciable depth.

POMEGRANATE.—This is a deciduous flowering shrub, hardy in the South, but grown as a house plant at the North. The flowers are scarlet, followed by large, handsome fruit. Most persons grow the plant in a pail or tub in the yard or on the lawn, and place it in the cellar over winter. Water freely in summer, but sparingly in winter.

THE BERMUDA EASTER LILY.

THE TURK'S CAP LILY.

LILIIUM HARRISII, generally known as Bermuda Easter Lily, is perhaps the most exquisite in color, delicacy and perfume, as well as showy in appearance of all the window plants grown from bulbs. And more—it is one of the surest to bloom. You never fail with it if you secure the bulbs early, good blooming-size bulbs, pot them two inches beneath the surface, using rich, porous, well-drained soil and six-inch or seven-inch pots, and allowing them sufficient time to develop. Like Freesias they require about five months to come into bloom after the bulbs are potted. Always firm the soil well after filling it in, and water thoroughly, then set the pots in a dark closet, where it will be warm enough to develop the roots. Darkness is not absolutely necessary in starting either Lilies or Freesias, but it is not objectionable. In the course of a month or six weeks they may be brought to the window where they are to develop. Keep the soil constantly moist, and provide a rather cool, even, moist temperature, if possible. An east window suits them well. When in full bloom, however, do not expose them to direct sunlight, as that will shorten their blooming period. The engraving herewith given is rather more life-like than those which appear in florist's Catalogues, most of which show more leaves and flowers than are naturally produced.

HARDY BULBS.—Remember that Autumn is the season in which to buy and plant the hardy bulbs, such as Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocuses, Narcissus, and a host of other early Spring-blooming bulbs. Get the florists' Catalogues in which these flowers are described, and make out your list early, while the bulbs advertised may be obtained. A few dollars expended now in choice hardy bulbs will be a source of lasting pleasure and satisfaction, as they will endure much neglect and live and bloom for many years.



Lilium Harrisii.

ONE of our most beautiful native Lilies, found in abundance in the swamps of New Jersey and adjacent States is *Lilium superbum*, commonly known as Turk's Cap Lily. The flowers are not large, but the petals recurve gracefully, and are a showy orange-scarlet with distinct dark spots. They are produced in whorls, are of drooping habit, and develop during July and August. The plants are usually from two to three feet high, but under favorable conditions attain a much greater height. While waiting for a train at Monmouth Junction, N. J., recently, the Editor secured a specimen in an adjacent swamp which supported twenty-three well-developed flowers and some opening buds, and measured over seven feet in height. This specimen had dark brownish-scarlet flowers, but there were other plants near it which bore flowers of a reddish-orange color, while some were almost destitute of spots. The hardiness of this Lily, and exceedingly graceful character of the blooming plant should secure for it a place in every collection of choice hardy herbaceous plants, and those who wish to have fine summer-blooming flowers should not omit it from their list.

WINTER-BLOOMING PLANTS.—Do not fail to get your winter-blooming plants and start them this month. Many florists prepare plants and offer them in autumn expressly for blooming in the window in winter. These are usually of varieties that have been found specially suited for yielding flowers during the winter months, and are far superior to the common Geraniums and house plants usually found in window collections, most of which are useful only for foliage. But do not delay ordering and repotting. The plants ought to be well established in three and a-half inch or four-inch pots by the time cold weather comes, so that their only effort will be to produce their bloom when wanted.

HYACINTHS.

OF all hardy bulbs the Hyacinths should occupy the first place, not only because they are the earliest of showy, fragrant spring flowers, but because of their hardiness and ease of culture. Planted out in October they endure the most severe winter without injury, and are ready to push their elegant, graceful spikes of bloom above the soil almost before the snow is gone



in the spring. They make a lovely bed when grouped together, and make the air redolent with their sweet perfume. Set the bulbs six inches apart, and three inches deep, and after planting cover the bed with a coat of stable litter. If this is left on in the spring the bulbs will bloom later, but the flowers will be finer and not so liable to be injured by severe frosts.

But while Hyacinths are unequalled for out-door culture, they are just as useful for the winter garden. The bulbs will bloom either in glasses of water or in pots of earth, and never fail, even under the most ordinary culture. Use glasses designed expressly for their culture, and let the water barely touch the base of the bulb. A lump of charcoal placed in the water will keep it pure. After placing the bulb set the glass in a dark, rather warm place till roots develop, which will be in three or four weeks, then bring to the light gradually, just as you wish the bulbs to bloom. The flowers will develop in from two to four weeks after the glasses are brought out.

Culture in pots is not unlike that in glasses. Set the bulbs so that the crown will protrude above the soil, and press the soil firmly about them. After watering set the pots in a dark closet till roots form, then bring gradually to the light. The single Hyacinths are rather more desirable than the double varieties, as their bells are more graceful in form and mostly develop perfectly. They are also more reliable for house culture, and bloom earlier. Good bulbs of choice named varieties, both single and double, may now be obtained of florists, however, at such low prices that it would seem inexcusable for the flower-lover to neglect the culture of Hyacinths, either form, whether in the house or garden; and as the time

for buying and planting is in the autumn it is hoped that all who read these lines will profit by them and secure a few bulbs in season. They will certainly never regret it.

CLARKIA.—Mrs. High, of Bucks county, Pa., and many others send specimens of *Clarkia* for name. In another column I have made a drawing of one of the branches which I hope will enable all who have the plant to identify it. *Clarkia elegans* is an annual, free-blooming and showy, and easily raised from seeds. It is a great favorite in England where the sky is more clouded than in America. It likes a rather cool temperature, and is sometimes injured by the hot sun.

AGAPANTHUS.—To have this plant do well give the roots plenty of room. A large keg or pail is better than a pot, as the strong growth of the roots sometimes breaks an earthen vessel. Give a partial shade and an abundance of water during the summer. In winter keep the soil moist, but not wet. In a large vessel the plant becomes an immense clump, and produces a grand display of the large blue-flowered umbels during the season.

BRUGMANSIA SUAVEOLENS.—This plant is hardy in the South, but should be kept in a dry cellar or frost-proof room, sparingly watered in winter. Grow it in a large pail or keg, which may be sunk in the ground in a sunny place in summer. Water freely during the growing period. The plants bloom freely in summer, and the large, pendant, fragrant, lavender-white blooms are always much admired.

TULIPS AND POPPIES.—Sow a mixture of Poppy seeds over your Tulip bed in September or October. In the spring after the Tulip flowers fade the Poppies will continue the display. Do not remove the foliage of Tulips till it turns yellow. If you do the bulbs will be injured and the flowers the next season will be inferior.

BLACK FLY.—Black plant lice or thrips are often called Black Fly, because a number of the insects have wings. They are easily eradicated by fumigation, by syringing with soap suds, or by scattering tobacco stems freely over and about the plants.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Editor:—I notice "Sophie" of Minnesota writes that Hepaticas grow wherever the Sugar Maple grows. That is true. In the old Sugar Maple orchards of Vermont I used to search among the matting leaves for the first Hepatica. We called them April Violets. But the Hepatica is not a foster child of the Maple tree, as it grows as freely in the Oak forests of Iowa as on the sunny hills of Vermont.

Maude Meredith.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 16, 1895.

Mr. Park:—A tornado has visited our little town and laid it waste. Our home is the picture of desolation. Nearly all of the fruit trees are destroyed, the house, barn and other buildings badly damaged, and nearly all my pet plants are destroyed. Those you sent me last are all gone but two or three that I fished out of a pile of rubbish. Not a sign of a pot remains. I had quite a large number of fine Fuchsias, and nothing can be found of them but two sticks. Yet I feel we ought not to complain, for our lives have all been spared, while some of our neighbors are dead, and some badly hurt.

Mrs. W. Stoney.

Cherry Hill, N. J., July 16, 1895.

From California.—Mr. Park: The Dollar Collection of plants came on the eleventh instant, in very fine condition. I consider the plants fully equal in quality and size to any of the higher priced plants.

J. B. P.

Alameda Co., Cal., June 13, 1895.

Success with Seeds.—Mr. Park: My plants from seeds purchased of you have done remarkably well, especially Gesnerias, Tydeas and Achimenes. Gesneria seeds sown April 16th are now in their fifth leaf, and are strong and healthy-looking. They are grown in a common window.

Mrs. C. L. Avery.

Elk Co., Pa., July 5, 1895.

QUESTIONS.

Pæony Seed.—How long does it take Pæony seed to germinate, and when is the best time to plant them?—S. H. W. Me.

Night-blooming Cereus.—Can anyone tell me why the buds blast on my Night-blooming Cereus? I have treated it in various ways, but nothing seems to help it.—Mrs. M. W. P., N. Y.

Tuberous Begonias.—If Tuberous Begonias are rested in summer will they bloom in winter?—Miss F., Ohio.

Violets.—I have had a black Russian Violet 3 years old and white Swanley 2 years old, but they do not bloom, though growing and spreading. How shall I treat them?—Mrs. A. B. B., S. C.

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Hyacinth Larkspur.—This is an annual, and lasts but one season. The seeds may, however, be sown in autumn, in September. The young plants will endure the winter and produce much finer spikes of bloom than can be raised from spring-sown seeds.

Lily of the Valley.—This is a spring-blooming plant which does well in a shady place. It only needs to be let alone. In a dense shade, where scarcely anything else will grow, the foliage makes a handsome green carpet throughout the season.

Large Pansies.—Besides sowing a good strain of seeds it is necessary to sow Pansies in the fall to produce fine large flowers. Sow in August and September, so that the young plants will come into bloom in the cool days of spring. Spring seedlings begin to bloom in the hot summer months, and the small flowers produced are always disappointing. In the autumn, however, the flowers become larger, and are much more satisfactory.

Oleander.—Plants of this will mostly bloom the second year after the cuttings are started.

Snowball.—The Japanese Snowball, Viburnum plicatum, will bloom the third year from the time the cuttings are started.

Cestrum laurifolium.—This plant ought to bloom in from one to two years after the plants are started from cuttings. Cestrum usually bloom in the spring.

Libonia perhosiosensis.—Libonias bloom in winter, but should be kept in a rather warm temperature.

Zanzibar Water Lilies.—These may be kept over winter in the plant room in a pot or pail of soil always well moistened. They are liable to decay in a cold, damp cellar.

Plumbago coccinea.—This is a winter-blooming plant. It does not bloom in summer. As soon as the buds have all opened cut the top back, and new growth of branches and leaves will be produced, during summer.

Anemone.—A. D. F., N. Y.: The specimen you send is of Rue Anemone.

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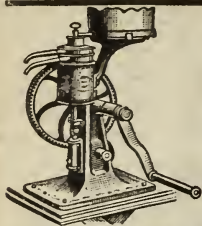
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It is amusing to sit on one of the benches along the sidewalk in front of the Cathedral at Central Park, and note the traffic on the broad, busy street before you. A woman passes carrying a huge basket of vegetables on her head and another at her side. A man meets her leaning and with bowed head, and bearing on his back a desk and bookcase,

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Men carrying upon their backs a bale of hay, or a four bushel bag of potatoes or vegetables, or an iron bedstead with bedding and some chairs are common upon the street. Upon the street mentioned I saw a man carrying upon a ten foot plank on his head a locomotive, tender and several cars. They appeared rather large for toys, and were well finished. Each piece was two feet or more long, and had apparently all the parts of the large subjects. They may have been selling models, as I noticed that the engines, cars, etc., used in the train service were of American manufacture, the engines bearing the imprint of the "Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia."

Nearly everything in the city is carried or packed. There are no wagons in use, such as we see thronging the streets of Philadelphia or New York. The only wagons I saw in Mexico were a beer wagon and a Wells & Fargo Express wagon. Wheeled machines were numerous on the streets, but with few exceptions they were carriages.

There are some fine private "turnouts" in the city, and the styles exhibited are almost as elaborate as that of a New York millionaire. The public carriages have yellow, red or blue flags displayed at the left front corner. These are about five inches square and made of tin. The color indicates the price: yellow, 25 cents for a half hour or less; red, 37 cents for a half hour or less; blue, 50 cents for a half hour or less. These carriages are much used, and afford a cheap and rapid means of conveyance from one part of the city to another.

A novelty in street cars is the freight-service. These are cars with open flats or boxed and closed carriers, and they are used to convey stuff that is too heavy for the packers to handle.

The parks or plazas of Mexico City are rather attractive. The climate just suits many of the cultivated shrubs and plants, and the growth of these is luxuriant, and the bloom profuse and beautiful. Many trees are grouped about, and these are mostly of tropical appear-

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
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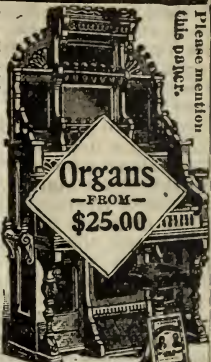
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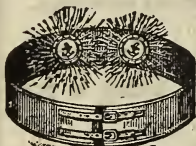
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The lawn beneath the trees is kept in good condition, although the lawn mowing machines so familiar in the States are not to be seen. To keep the grass short a great number of men with little grass hooks are employed. These hooks are curved, not unlike the old-fashioned wheat sickle, and near the handle is a double knee which makes it possible for the operator to effect a plain cut without his hand coming in contact with the ground. This hook is used by the right hand, while in the left is carried a little three-cornered file which is used for whetting the hook. I watched the laborers for a while and found they were rather skillful in the use of these instruments, and could make a grass carpet as level and neat as if it had been trimmed by a patent lawn mower. Almost any American farmer can vouch for the time consumed in the harvest field in whetting and keeping the scythe sharp, and often a story or a number of stories delight the laborer between times. But the time thus consumed in the American harvest field is as nothing compared to that required by a Mexican lawn mower. Why, whetting is the main part of his business. He makes a few strokes, then whets, then feels the edge of his scythe, then talks, whets and makes a few more strokes. Those labor-

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ers who opposed the introduction of reapers and mowers a few years ago ought to go to Mexico. There they would not need to complain about improved machinery. If they couldn't find mowing and whetting to do they could get a job carrying in bales of hay or bags of charcoal from the country, or toting four-bushel baskets full of meat and vegetables from one place to another.

After dinner I went out to see a florist in the outskirts of the city. There were houses adjoining each other all along the street, and it seemed strange to see the sign of a florist over one of the doors. I entered, passed through a dark hallway, as at the hotel, and, stranger yet, there was the floral establishment—thousands of plants and no glass houses or heating apparatus, as we find at the north. The plants were growing luxuriantly in the open garden, and the only approach to protection was a lath house with a lath roof. This was more to supply shade than to protect from wind or cold. At this place I saw a grand pyramid of *Mina lobata*, luxuriant in foliage and brilliant with flowers. The vigor and beauty of all the plants was surprising. I tried to deal with the florist for a lot of seeds, but he could not speak English and I could not speak Mexican, so we agreed to meet at the hotel with an interpreter at six o'clock in the evening. I waited at the appointed place till seven, but the florist did not appear. I thought something must have occurred to keep him from fulfilling the appointment, and mentioned the matter to the American gentleman who was to interpret for us. He said "You are from the States?" "Yes." "Well, you'll find from business experience that Mexico is not the United States. They don't keep their word here as they do there. A promise really amounts to nothing among these people."

On my way back from the florist's I walked as I wished to stop at several places, and also learn more of the people and their customs. I found several places where the streets were lined with fakirs. Some had melons, squashes, cucumbers, etc., for sale; others, grapes, peaches and pears; others, lemons and bananas; but the most common were the vendors of roasted green corn. Almost everybody seemed to be eating roasted corn, and to be in fashion I bought an ear, too. These had iron pans or holders and a charcoal fire, and roasted the corn till it turned brown. The corn was very sweet to the taste, and enjoyable, but would have been better appreciated by me if butter and salt had been used as condiments. One old man had boiled sweet potatoes or red yams for sale. They were large, and he sold them at from three to five cents each. They were not very sweet nor were they well cooked. I watched him deal with the natives, and I found they nearly all "jewed" him in the price. Some wouldn't buy at first, but he called them back and dickered till he made a sale. G. W. P.

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Orange Co., Ind., Aug. 9, 1895.

Named.—Mrs. Jones, of Cheyenne county, Kansas, writes, "A little boy came to us May 8th which we have named after our kind Editor." This is not the first namesake the Editor has, but he got a box of choice plants all the same. Next!

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Maude Meredith.

Dubuque, Iowa., July 16, 1895.

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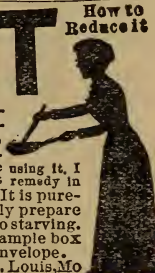
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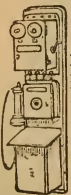
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